

Summary of Oral History: Volodymyr Oleksandrovykh Brynzyuk

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Volodymyr Oleksandrovykh Brynzyuk, born in 1936

Speaks about his childhood and Jewish population of Tulchyn; how he spoke Ukrainian with his neighbours and has always lived there; about the Nestervarka, Tulchyn, Nozarivka – these were all names of neighbouring villages; says this interview in Russian; speaks about the Jewish ghetto situated at a factory area and it's extent to a shoe factory; recalls how local Jews would speak and know Ukrainian and Ukrainians were able to speak Yiddish; about joint Ukrainian- Jewish celebrations together at the October Revolution, 1st of May, Mayovka (May holidays); how he worked at a shoe factory after WWII and spoke Ukrainian at work with both Jewish and Ukrainian co-workers; Discusses his two children who moved to Tyumen; about the Jewish school which used to be in Tulchyn before and after the WWII until the collapse of the Soviet Union; speaks about seeing white leathered religious books among his Jewish neighbours in the past; says that Jews were not ashamed to speak 'Jewish' (Yiddish); remembers how he went to a Jewish funeral as a child and that after the war Jewish funerals took place without following the tradition; speaks about Jewish and non-Jewish weddings he attended, noting that Jewish weddings would take place on Saturdays and the music there was both religious and non-religious; speaks about his mother who used to work at a sewing factory and that she was fired after the war.